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SUBJECT: W/W: ARBITRARY TREATMENT OF AMERICAN TOURIST BY
SOVIET AUTHORITIES

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1. MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION COUNSELOR S.M. SUSLIN
REPLIED ORALLY TO EMBASSY NOTE OF NOVEMBER 13, WHICH PROTESTED
EXTREMELY ARBITRARY TREATMENT ACCORDED AMCIT BRUCE STEPHEN
CURTIS. ACCORDING TO SUSLIN, CURTIS HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM
RUMANIA TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE HE LACKED A PROPER VISA.
SUSLIN ADMITTED THAT CURTIS SPENT 48 HOURS AT UNGENIY ON
THE SOVIET-RUMANIAN BORDER, BUT DENIED THAT HE WAS "IN CUSTODY"
AND THAT, THEREFORE, ARTICLE XII OF THE AMERICAN-SOVIET
CONSULAR CONVENTION DID NOT APPLY.

2. SUSLIN ALSO ALLEGED THAT CURTIS WAS PUT ON PLANE TO MONTREAL
WITH HIS CONCURRENCE. HE NOTED THAT CURTIS HAD SOUGHT TO
TAKE RUBLES OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND THAT 105 RUBLES WERE
SEIZED BY THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY AT SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT.
SUSLIN DID NOT RESPOND TO CHARGES THAT CURTIS HAD BEEN SHORT-
CHANGED IN KIEV.
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